

**ABSOLUTE RATING:** Good  
**IMPROVEMENT RATING:** Below Average

Number of high schools with students similar to ours: 31. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from average to excellent. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.  
*(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)*

#### RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
<b>2001</b>	Good	Below Average
<b>2002</b>		
<b>2003</b>		
<b>2004</b>		

#### TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	Our School			Schools With Students Like Ours		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
• Passed all 3 subtests	60.2	72.3	76.4	71.5	75.3	75.6
• Passed 2 subtests	19.3	17.9	13.2	16.1	14.1	14.2
• Passed 1 subtest	10.2	7.2	7.7	8.0	7.4	7.0
• Passed no subtests	10.2	2.6	2.7	4.5	3.2	3.3

ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS	Our School	Schools With Students Like Ours
% of seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships	26.5%	27.8%
% of seniors who met the SAT requirement	27.8%	29.2%
% of seniors who met the grade point average	41.1%	56.1%

Beginning in 2003, the graduation rate for each high school will be included in the school rating.

#### PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Student Group	Seniors		
	Exit Exam Passage Rate by Spring 2001	Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships	Graduation Rate
<b>All students</b>	93.5%	26.5%	N/A until 2003
Students with disabilities other than speech	40.0%	0.0%	
Students without disabilities	95.3%	28.8%	
<b>Gender</b>			
Male	93.9%	37.8%	
Female	93.1%	13.0%	
<b>Ethnic Group</b>			
African American	80.0%	12.5%	
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	
White	94.4%	27.5%	
Other	N/A	0.0%	
<b>Lunch Status</b>			
Free/reduced-price lunch	88.9%	31.6%	
Pay for lunch	94.4%	25.8%	

#### STUDENTS IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES

Mastering core competencies	74.6%
Completers placed	93.3%
Eligible students enrolled	61.1%

## SCHOOL PROFILE

### INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Dollars spent per student	\$4,783	N/A	\$5,049	\$5,668
• Prime instructional time	91.9%	Down from 93.0%	91.1%	90.1%
• Student-teacher ratio	28.0 to 1	N/A	26.8 to 1	25.1 to 1
<b>STUDENTS (n=891)</b>				
• Advanced Placement/ Int'l Baccalaureate Program Exam Success Ratio	38.8%	N/A	56.5%	40.0%
• Attendance rate	94.9%	No change	95.7%	95.3%
• Retention rate	11.8%	Up from 7.2%	7.4%	10.0%
<b>TEACHERS (n=51)</b>				
• Professional Development days per teacher	5.0 Days	Down from 6.4	7.4 Days	7.5 Days
• Attendance rate	97.6%	Down from 98.8%	96.1%	95.7%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	56.9%	Up from 56.0%	55.8%	49.4%
• Continuing contract teachers	88.2%	Down from 92.0%	82.3%	81.0%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	9.8%	Up from 4.0%	2.6%	3.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	87.0%	Down from 93.5%	86.7%	85.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$38,977	Up 5.4%	\$38,357	\$38,125

#### SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median High School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Dropout rate	3.1%	Up from 3.0%	2.7%	2.9%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	53.3%	N/A	57.2%	56.4%
• Principal's years at the school	24.0	N/A	3.0	3.0
• Percent of parents attending conferences	64.4%	N/A	60.0%	60.1%
• Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	N/A	Excellent	Excellent
<b>STUDENTS</b>				
• Older than usual for grade	10.2%	Up from 7.5%	6.4%	10.1%
• Suspended or expelled	33	N/A	26	29
• Gifted and talented	4.9%	Down from 5.8%	10.9%	7.4%
• With disabilities other than speech	10.1%	Up from 8.4%	9.0%	10.7%
• Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	5.4%	N/A	2.8%	4.5%
• Enrollment in career and technology center courses	544	N/A	461	350
• Career students participating in work-based experiences	1.3%	N/A	26.6%	23.1%



## PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Blue Ridge High School is located in the rural community of Blue Ridge, which is situated in the northern portion of Greenville County, South Carolina. It is nestled in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Though it is not a designated town, it is a close-knit community near the North Carolina border between the cities of Greer and Travelers Rest.

The Blue Ridge High School attendance area is the largest geographical area in the Greenville County School District. It covers approximately 186 square miles and makes up approximately 23% of the entire county. Since 1990, Greenville County's population has increased 12.1%, while the Blue Ridge area has risen approximately 37%-from 6540 households to 8972 households.

### EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	88.5	90.4	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	98.1	92.2	
Satisfied with home-school relations	80.8	89.1	

### DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

**Excellent** – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Good** – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Average** – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Below Average** – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Unsatisfactory** – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Blue Ridge High  
2151 Fews Chapel Road  
Greer, SC 29651

**Grades** 9-12 High School

**Enrollment:** 891 Students

### Principal

Mr. Kenneth Southerlin 864-895-0130

### Superintendent

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### Board Chair

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## THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School  
Report Card

**2001**

School Grade:  
Good



### South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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